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**Subject:** Re: LA Times request Fwd: Exide

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On Apr 22, 2016, at 1:17 PM, Harris-Bishop, Rusty <[Harris-Bishop.Rusty@epa.gov](mailto:Harris-Bishop.Rusty@epa.gov)> wrote:

Hi Enrique and John:

I think Dan is out for a week, so wanted to check in with y'all about this inquiry. We can talk Monday at the ADs meeting, but I think our role has been pretty advisory at this point. Harry said that Sophia had done some work as well, but again, I assume it's all been advisory. We haven't received a citizen petition for NPL consideration, that I know of, but don't know if there has been any other formal request from a state or local agency.

Rusty

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Hi Margot – I have copied the senior team from ENF/LND/Superfund that are involved in Exide. They will need to get back to you on this.

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Hi Amy:

Below are questions from the LA Times on Exide. I have some talking points from the administrator's visit, but these are a bit more specific. Can we accommodate this request? His deadline is Monday...

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Hi Margot,

I'm sorry to hear that staff will not be made available to discuss such a significant case and cleanup. Below are some of the questions I would like to ask. My deadline is Monday.

1. Please describe EPA's current role and involvement in the Exide Technologies case, including the closure and cleanup of the Vernon facility and the surrounding neighborhoods and any inspection or enforcement activities.
2. Is EPA examining soil testing results? Is EPA or any other federal agency examining the elevated blood lead levels found among children near the plant?
3. Is the site being evaluated or considered for inclusion in Superfund/National Priorities List?
4. What resolutions have there been to the violations Exide was cited for by U.S. EPA, including those issued in May 2014, March 2015 and any other citations? Did Exide pay any penalties in connection with those or other alleged violations?
5. Does EPA have any ongoing investigations involving Exide, related companies or public officials that oversaw the plant? Is EPA monitoring the company's compliance with the requirements of the U.S. attorney's office March 2015 non-prosecution agreement?
6. Is EPA satisfied with the California DTSC's oversight and its allowance of the continued operation of this facility, even as it logged a long history of lead emissions and hazardous waste violations? Having been informed of those violations, what did EPA do to ensure the problems and any state regulatory deficiencies were corrected?

7. Has EPA or Region 9 changed any policies or procedures in how it oversees the California DTSC, lead-acid battery smelters, lead-emitting industries and other hazardous waste facilities in the wake of what happened at Exide? What has been done to ensure a similar outcome does not happen elsewhere?

Thank you,

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Hi Tony:

I talked to a few folks here and since we're not the lead, there's not much we can say about it that hasn't already been said. Do you have any specific questions?

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